

AGN. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR YVONNE BRATHWAITE BURKE

January 24, 2006

I HEREBY MOVE THAT THE Board of Supervisors adopt the Resolution regarding  
Glaucoma Awareness Month.

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**RESOLUTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE JANUARY AS  
NATIONAL GLAUCOMA AWARENESS MONTH**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles:

- A. January is designated as “National Glaucoma Awareness Month” in the United States.
- B. Glaucoma is a group of progressively degenerative eye diseases that damages the optic nerve in the eye, leading to vision loss and eventual blindness.
- C. Glaucoma is the second leading cause of blindness in the world according to the World Health Organization, and the number one leading cause of preventable blindness in the United States among African-Americans and people of color, including Native American populations.
- D. More than 2.2 million Americans age 40 and older have glaucoma, and approximately 120,000 Americans are blind from glaucoma, accounting for 9% to 12% of all cases of blindness in the U.S.
- E. There is currently no cure for glaucoma
- F. The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles finds that raising glaucoma awareness through public education and outreach programs is critical to the treatment of eye disease and the prevention of blindness.
- G. The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles hereby recognizes January as *National Glaucoma Awareness Month* and encourages its constituent families and neighbors, employees and all residents to protect their vision by getting regular and complete eye examinations from qualified eye care professionals, and to support research and educational opportunities that lead to an eventual cure.

The forgoing resolution was on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of January 2006,  
adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles.

VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS, Executive Officer-Clerk  
of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY  
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By \_\_\_\_\_  
Anita Lee, Principal Deputy  
County Counsel